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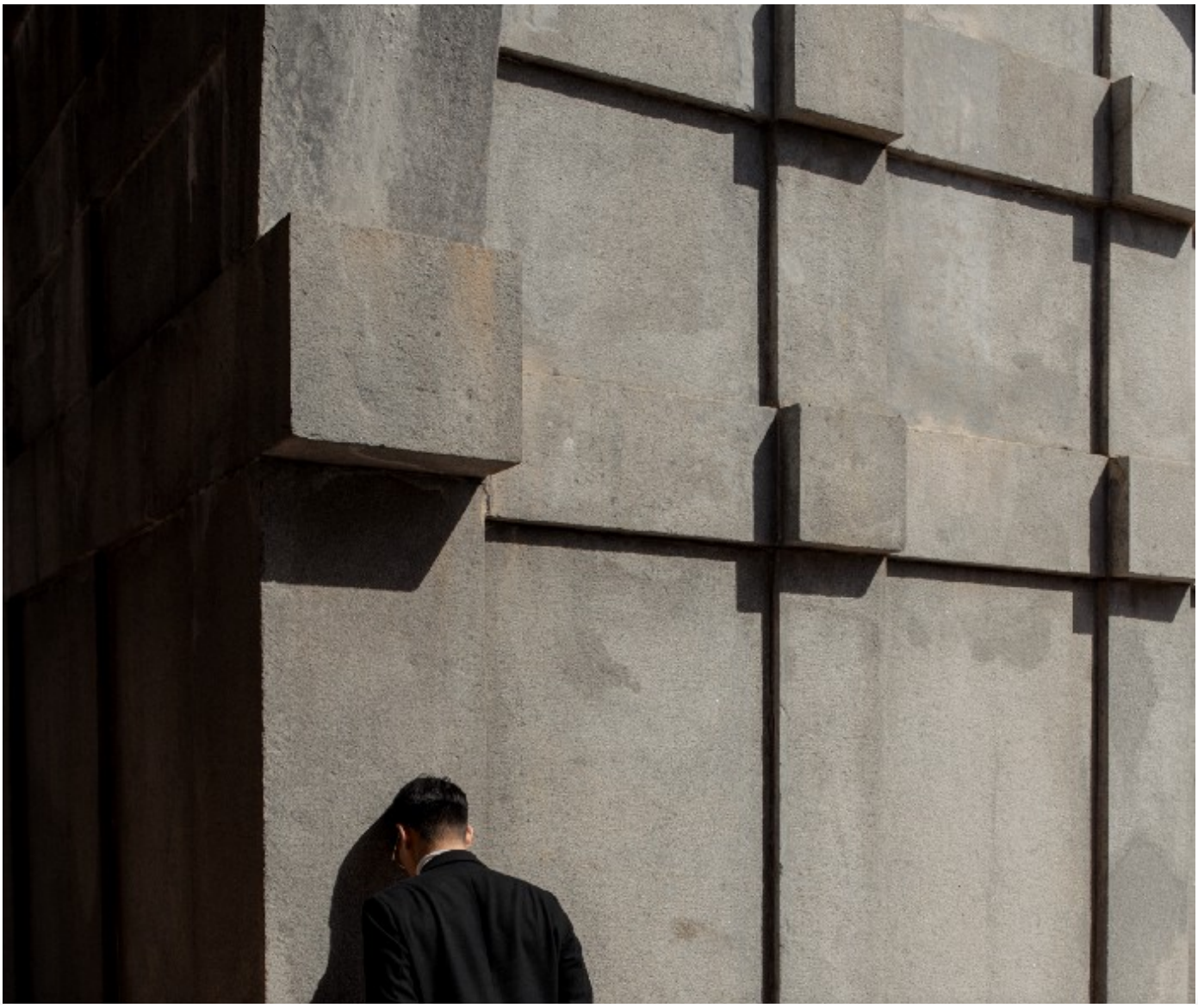
# 12 Generators For Fiction Writing

*Because it sucks when you get stuck*



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I love writing. Everything about it. Except sometimes I have the most miserable time coming up with fictional names for people, places and things. I realized a long time ago that name generators were my friends.

I have a few helpful generators that are my go-to. I keep them in my writer's toolbox! Random name generators for fiction writers have unstuck me from those annoying blockages I get when coming up with naming stuff. A word of warning, you can get sucked into the dark hole of randomizer button refreshing.

I originally posted an article similar to this on my poor dead blog, and based on how much traffic it still gets, I've decided to bring it out from the archives, dust it off, give it a new dress, and bring it here to Medium.

I've put together a list of the top 12 name generators that I use regularly. I hope you find them as useful as I do. And, if you know about others, feel free to link them in the comments because I'm always looking for more!

## RANDOM NAME GENERATORS FOR YOUR WRITER'S TOOLBOX

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write in the fantasy or paranormal genre, either. There's something for every type of writer. And it's also useful if you are into Dungeons and Dragons or another type of RPG, which my son is. He uses this site, as well.

If you have a hard time coming up with names of locations, check out the Place Name Generator. I often take words from different results and combine them. They're fictional names, but they are made to sound real-world. I usually combine words to create a fictional place.

Seventh Sanctum is a name and place generator I've been using for a long time. It's another one that's great for world building.

Behind the Name is perfect for coming up with character names. Not only will you find a perfect name fit, but you'll also learn this history behind it which is perfect for when you must have a meaningful name.

The Character Name Generator is a fun name generator that also has other cute and cool features.

Fake Name Generator not only comes up with a name but an occupation, phone number, physical appearance and more. It's like using the white pages, but for totally made up people.

DonJon is a random generator is really made for RPG's, but it's a great writing tool, too.

Random Name Generator generates character names for both male and female plus surnames.

Wordlab has a very extensive collection of generators. If you need a fictional business name, band name, drug name or beyond, this tool is very helpful.

Fake Word Generator may be just what if you're trying to come up with a fictional language.

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Last but not least, and one for good luck. Make sure to check out Writing While the Rice Boils. This site has an even more extensive generator list that is sure to help you out of any corner you may write yourself into.

I hope these help you as much as they have me. Happy unstuck writing!